

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: INTERSTATE POWER COMPANY	DOCKET NO. RFU-98-16
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ORDER APPROVING ADDITIONAL AD VALOREM TAX REFUND

(Issued April 23, 2001)

On March 13, 2001, Interstate Power Company (Interstate) filed a refund plan related to the refund of Kansas ad valorem taxes from a settlement approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. On March 16, 2001, Interstate filed a revision to the plan. Iowa's share of the refund is \$101,596.11, which calculates to approximately \$2.19 for the average residential customer. Pursuant to 199 IAC 19.10(7), Interstate proposed to retain the refund until its annual reconciliation. On April 10, 2001, Interstate filed another revision to the ad valorem tax refund plan in which it proposed to return the refund to customers in May 2001.

The Utilities Board (Board) finds that the return of the refund to customers in May 2001 is reasonable and in the public interest. Interstate had the option of retaining the funds until its annual reconciliation, but has proposed instead to return the money to customers immediately. This refund provides some additional relief to customers after the winter heating season of high gas prices and colder than normal temperatures.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The refund plan filed by Interstate Power Company on March 13, 2001, and revised on March 16, 2001, and April 10, 2001, is approved.
2. Interstate shall file a final report showing the total amount refunded within 60 days of the completion of the refund.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Acting Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 23th day of April, 2001.